



CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

COUNCIL CORNER

Update from Council Meeting — April 24th, 2017

- ⇒ Council voted that a **Development Variance Permit Application for 405 5th Avenue East** proceed to **Public Notification**.
- ⇒ **Council voted to support a grant application to the Federal Strategic Priorities fund** (a 100% grant up to \$6 million) to replace the submarine line that carries the City's potable water supply beneath Fern Passage, the final phase of the 3-phase waterworks project, which is estimated to cost between \$5-\$6 million.
- ⇒ Council voted to provide a **letter of support to the Northwest Community College for the BC Public Access to Defibrillation (PAD) Program**.
- ⇒ Council voted to **proclaim April 28th, 2017 as the National Day of Mourning**, recognized throughout Canada as a day to acknowledge workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness as a result of work-related incidents, as recommended by the City's Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.
- ⇒ Council released the **following appointments from a Closed Meeting**. (All board appointments are made during closed meetings to protect the personal information and privacy of applicants):
 - Alexander Hembroff was appointed to the board of the Lester Centre
 - Paul Vendittelli, Cody Smith, Richard Pucci and Rory Mandryk were appointed to the Airport Authority Board. Please see the [full release on the City's website](#) for more information on these postings
- ⇒ **Council gave First Reading to the Metlakatla Development Corporation applications to amend the Zoning Bylaw and OCP**, and proceed to a public information meeting. This application is for the development of a seniors housing development on the old King Edward School site.
- ⇒ **Council passed both the 2017 5 year financial plan and property tax bylaws**. The First, Second, and Third readings were given during a Special Public Meeting on April 20th. The property tax bylaw proceeded with a 1.5% increase to the mill rate, as per Council direction provided at the April 11th meeting. It was noted by the Chief Financial Officer in her report on April 20th to Council that the City additionally is legally required to collect taxes on behalf of other local services, including the North Coast Regional District and Northwest Regional Hospital District, alongside the School Tax and taxes collected for the Municipal Finance Authority and BC Assessment Authority. The amounts are noted on the City's tax notice, however the only line the Council has decision making authority over is the mill rate affecting the Municipal rate. Increases on account of the other government bodies are beyond their control.
- ⇒ Mayor Brain provided an update regarding the **City's involvement in a Resource Benefit Alliance that advocates for a share of resource-related revenues to be redistributed to municipalities in the northwest region**.

